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In re application of : Robert M. Carmichael JUN 21 2001  
Serial No. : 09/730,116  
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For : ACTIVE CONTROL RELEASABLE BALLAST  
SYSTEM FOR USE WITH DIVE EQUIPMENT  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

1. On page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

*A'* -- This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/628,836, filed July 31, 2000. --

**IN THE APPLICATION AND PATENT OFFICE RECORDS**

1. Please change the attorney docket number from "10464.6803" to --9297.6817--.